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**LETTUCE SHED WORKER ELECTION**  
**TO RUN FIVE DAYS, NLRB RULES;**  
**VOTE "YES" FOR AFL UNIONISM**

Details of the coming National Labor Relations Board representation election for lettuce shed workers in the Salinas-Watsonville-Hollister area were announced last week by the NLRB, the election being scheduled to start on September 27.

The election will continue for five days, Monday, September 27, through Friday, October 1. The voting will be held in various lettuce sheds, but actual times for balloting will be announced later.

Results will be tabulated and announced as soon as possible after the election.

The agreement to the election was signed by the Growers-Ship-

**Hollister Cafe,**  
**Bar Picketed**  
**By Salinas Body**

Pickets placed by the Joint Executive Board of Bartenders Union 545 and Culinary Alliance 467 of Salinas were still before the Hartmann Hotel restaurant and the Town Club, bar at the hotel, this week.

Al Clark, secretary of the joint board, said that Mitchell Dabo, operator of the hotel, refused to sign a contract for the restaurant although the bartenders union had placed a card in the Town Club a year ago with a signed agreement.

Just why Dabo refuses to unionize the restaurant was not explained, Clark said. Newspaper advertising in Hollister was placed by Dabo, ads in which he claimed he was being persecuted, that the hotel was being "singled out" for first union operations in Hollister.

Bertha A. Boles, secretary of Culinary Alliance 467, said the union is making a concerted campaign in Hollister and denied that Hartmann Hotel was the object of any special effort by the union.

Mrs. Boles said also that investigation tended to show that union men of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen were "crashing" the union picket line and she said that matter would be called to attention of the BRT headquarters.

**PRELIMINARY**  
**WORK STARTS**  
**ON PGE JOB**

Driving of test holes and preliminary pilings is due to be started this week on the site of the \$80,000,000 generating plant to be built by Stone & Webster Co. at Moss Landing for the Pacific Gas and Electric Co., union officials said last week.

George R. Harter, business agent of Salinas Carpenters Union 925, said preliminary work is expected to continue for several weeks and that actual construction may not get started until next year.

The land has to be leveled and graded and also cleared in some sections, he added.

**Co-ordinators**  
**Continue Plan**  
**For Salinas BTC**

Representatives of various building trades unions in the Salinas area met for an AFL Co-ordinating Committee last week and continued plans for establishments of a Salinas Building Trades Council under the charter of the labor council in that city.

Efforts are being continued to get more building unions in Salinas to join the new movement for a trades body, it is reported.

**Los Padres Dam**  
**Shows Progress**

Construction of the vast Los Padres Dam high in the Carmel Valley was progressing rapidly last week as men and machines were busy on the task of virtually moving a mountain to shut off the river and provide a vast reservoir.

Union officials are making frequent trips to the site to check on progress and to see that sufficient men are supplied to the Macco Construction Co., builders. The luncheon at the site is reported fully union-operated also.

One of the earliest women's trade unions was formed by a thousand umbrella sewers of New York City and Brooklyn. Paid from six to eight cents for each umbrella, they made twelve umbrellas by working from 6 a.m. until past midnight.

**LAST DAY FOR**  
**REGISTRATION**  
**IS SEPT. 22**

(Release from State Fed. of Labor)

San Francisco.—Because of the change made in the Constitution of the Federation, the affiliated organizations are again reminded that the deadline for submitting resolutions to be considered by the Forty-sixth (Forty-ninth Anniversary) Convention of the California State Federation of Labor will be September 22.

Resolutions not submitted to the office of the Federation by that time will not be considered, unless they are from state-wide conferences held not less than three days prior to the convening of the convention; such resolutions may be filed up until 12 noon of the first day of the convention, which will be Monday, September 27.

The following section from the Constitution, which governs the introduction of resolutions to the convention, is reprinted in full for the enlightenment of the delegates:

Section 8. The President shall, one week before the date set for the meeting of the Federation, appoint a Committee on Resolutions consisting of not less than five members, and all resolutions shall be forwarded to the Secretary-Treasurer on or before the fifth day immediately preceding the convening of such convention for transmission to such committee; provided, however, that all resolutions proposed by state-wide conferences of organizations affiliated with the California State Federation of Labor held not less than three days prior to the convening of the convention may be filed up until 12:00 noon of the first day of said convention.

We again urge the unions to give their closest attention so that if they have resolutions to submit, they will abide by the provisions of the Constitution.

**Productivity of**  
**Labor Increases**

(Release from State Fed. of Labor)

San Francisco.—Productivity in manufacturing industry for the year ended August 2, 1948, jumped 4.4 per cent as compared with the traditional 3 per cent per year of the 1899-1939 period.

This fact was revealed by Factory Management and Maintenance in a survey of 610 companies with 1,397,864 employees, representing more than 10 per cent of total employment in manufacturing.

Machinery plants gained 3.0 per cent; electrical, 5.1 per cent; other metal 5.1 per cent; chemical and rubber, 2.8 per cent; stone, clay and glass, 4.9 per cent; textile, 2.3 per cent; wood, paper and plastics, 3.6 per cent, and miscellaneous manufacturing plants were up 5.0 per cent.

Among the factors which the survey indicated caused the productivity gains during the past year are: better equipment and facilities, improved factory methods, incentives or bonuses, better-skilled labor force, good management, improved employee relations, improved production planning and control, and training.

**Some L-M Committees**  
**Are Still Functioning**

Washington.—Of the more than 5,000 informal labor-management committees formed in plants during the war, several hundred are still functioning, a labor department study revealed.

Committees were formed during the war at the request of the War Production Board to boost output and improve labor relations. By 1945 more than 5,000 committees had been registered with the WPB and 3,200 were considered to be in effective operation.

Early in 1948 the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the Labor Dept. received information from 944 plants which indicated that in about 31 per cent of the plants surveyed the committees still existed.

According to the BLS report, "the committees showed great functional flexibility with scopes ranging from maintenance problems to welfare and recreational programs.

Insects in containers carried many miles high above the earth's atmosphere in V-2 rockets and dropped to the ground by parachutes seem to have escaped injury either from the tremendous speed or the heat of flight.

**New York Teamsters Strike**



Trucking in New York City was tied up by walkout of members of Local 807, International Brotherhood of Teamsters (AFL), after they turned down employer proposal of a 15-cent hourly pay boost by a 2 to 1 vote. Left, members announce results of vote. Right, at Holland tunnel exit, strikers direct truck driver to turn around and go back to New Jersey.

**LABOR'S LEAGUE FOR POLITICAL**  
**EDUCATION ASKS ACTIVE SUPPORT**  
**OF WIVES OF A. F. OF L. UNIONISTS**

TO SECRETARIES OF ALL STATE FEDERATIONS OF LABOR, CENTRAL LABOR BODIES AND L.L.P.E. AFFILIATES: Dear Sir and Brother:

If the full force of Labor's voting strength is to be felt at the polls in the 1948 election we must enlist the active support of the wives and relatives of A. F. of L. unionists.

Many women work for a living as union members and are active in local and state affiliates of L.L.P.E. But there are several million wives of A. F. of L. members who will not be made active participants in our political program unless definite steps are taken quickly to establish women's committees as part of each affiliated political league.

Last week Mrs. Herman Lowe, President of the American Federation of Women's Auxiliaries of Labor, accepted my invitation to come to Washington, D. C. to discuss ways and means of utilizing the services of local auxiliaries. Upon her suggestion I have written to each local affiliate of the AFWAL urging them to offer their services to the leaders of their corresponding Central Labor Council and local L.L.P.E. affiliate.

Each AFWAL affiliate also will receive a letter from Mrs. Lowe urging full participation by their members in the L.L.P.E. program. Just as your Central Labor Council and State Federation sponsored the formation of your political league, so can the AFWAL affiliates offer the leadership and machinery to quickly activate women's committees.

Elections are won by active precinct work. That is where women can do an outstanding job by getting every potential friendly vote registered and out to the polls on election day.

I strongly urge you to enlist the

**Living Costs Still On**  
**Up, Report Shows**

Washington.—Department store prices have nearly doubled since January 1941, when the war had already made living costs start sharply upward, the Bureau of Labor Statistics announced this month.

The BLS department store inventory price index shows the average for all departments of all surveyed department stores is now 83.6 per cent over the 1941 level. The biggest increase has been in piece goods and draperies, which have climbed 122.3 per cent. The best break for the customer by far has been in notions and toilet articles, which have risen only 41 per cent in price.

**Walsh Would Film**  
**Taft-Hartley Fight**

New York.—A campaign to put the AFL's fight for repeal of the Taft-Hartley act into the movies is being pushed by Pres. Richard F. Walsh of the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees (AFL).

A proposal that the AFL Labor's League for Political Education appropriate \$25,000 to produce such a film was introduced at the IATSE's recent convention and referred to Walsh for action.

**Your Rights on**  
**Disability Pay**

(Release from State Fed. of Labor)

San Francisco.—Time and again it has been pointed out that many employees are not cognizant of the existence of the Disability Insurance system in California. Considerable evidence indicates this fact, as reported by the Department of Employment.

Every effort is being made to inform employees of their rights and obligations under the system, and employers have been asked for their full cooperation in this respect. The Department of Employment has reminded the employers that they have two specific obligations in connection with disability insurance: first, they are required to post one or more "Notice to Employees" (DE-1857 and DE-1857A), and secondly, to give each employee a copy of the pamphlet "Disability Insurance Information for the California Employee" (DE-2515). Every employee who has not received a copy of this pamphlet and in whose place of work notices, as stated above, have not been posted, should call his employer's attention to his obligations under the Act. All of these forms may be obtained without charge upon written request to the Department's Sacramento office.

Those employers who have adopted voluntary plans of disability insurance are required to give written notice to their employees covered by the plan. The notice may be an individual certificate or a copy of a written or printed statement which the Department has found to be a full and accurate statement of the essential features of the plan.

Disability benefits are never charged to an employer's reserve account and have no bearing upon his unemployment insurance contribution rate.

The disability insurance system, at the close of its second year on May 31, had a balance of \$74,765,097. Revenues during the two years totalled \$103.8 million and expenditures amounted to \$29.1 million. Benefit payments accounted for \$26.2 million, and administrative expenses were less than \$2.9 million. Benefit payments during the first half of 1948 were about 15 per cent higher than in 1947.

Because thousands of workers are not taking advantage of this insurance, the State Federation of Labor again urges all the unions and their members to make sure that those who are entitled to disability insurance are reminded of the provisions of this law.

REMEMBER—THE FIGHT OF

THIS IS YOUR FIGHT

Much could be said regarding this overall picture; but we ask that you assist and aid the shed worker whenever possible. We hope that in any event the shed workers will be able to see what is really going on and judge for themselves when the coming election of Local 912 will be on the ballot as against no Union. Remind the shed workers to check with themselves whether or not the Grower-Shippers will negotiate with them. Get the truth; and in that manner you will be able to judge for yourself how liberal these people from Philadelphia are in attempting to again assume control.

**APPRENTICE**  
**SCHOOL PLAN**  
**PROGRESSES**

Committee meetings and conferences for the furthering of the apprentice training classes at the Salinas Evening School were held last week and are continuing this week, also. Apprentices re-entered related training classes the week of September 13, with the exception of the electrical crafts course, which started September 7.

Evans B. Williams, Jr., is the instructor of this class this year, following Wes Evans, who has completed a thorough course on the electrical codes. Williams will use the new state texts developed by the trade and published this summer by the Instructional Materials Laboratory, Bureau of Trade and Industrial Education, State Department of Education.

Thomas Mill, Albert O. Miller, and George Harter will be the carpentry apprentice teachers.

Other trades in which related instruction begins the week of September 13 are painting and decorating, plumbing, sheet metal, plastering and cement work, auto mechanics, and meat cutting.

**With Local 890**



**General Teamsters,**  
**Warehousemen and**  
**Helpers' Union**

**Local 890**

**274 E. Alisal St.**  
**Salinas, Calif.**

All good American citizens will cast their vote in the November election. Are you eligible to do so? Have you registered to vote? If not, do it now as the deadline for registration is only a few days away—September 23.

To all members of this union employed as drivers hauling produce between the fields and packing sheds: You are no doubt familiar with the battle now going on between a small group of shed workers controlled by a strange element from Philadelphia, against hundreds upon hundreds of shed workers who are primarily interested in free trade unionism.

Local Union 890 has tried to guide its members in such a manner where the most benefits would be the result. This smear campaign that is being conducted by the new administrative group of Local 78, FTA-CIO, is an attempt to disrupt the work of hundreds of loyal trade unionists in this area who have over the years built a solid organization and are now trying to further their efforts by assisting Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Workers Union Local 912, and its officers, Ethel Alcorn, Holman Day, H. O. Collier, Clyde Shaw, Walter Sims, William Robinson, James Gandy, George LaVigne and Bud Earl Montgomery.

WHAT ARE THE FACTS? The time has arrived to state to all concerned the true facts concerning this fight which will be decided at a government election to be held beginning September 27 through Oct. 1. The facts are very simple. First, the officers of Local 912 mentioned in this column are the officers whom you elected last year and who came out of the sheds over the years; have guided you in the conduct of your work under your present contract. They disaffiliated from the FTA-CIO and came seeking help from the American Federation of Labor. This was well demonstrated at a mass meeting held in the Salinas Stadium on July 14 last, when fifteen hundred workers bolted the FTA-CIO, headed by Donald Henserson, because they were sick and tired of being used as a political foot-ball.

Politics is good when it benefits Labor; but very certainly the third party, which has within its organization such people as Donald Henserson, National Vice Chairman, and many many others who are primarily interested in a left wing type of Government, using the excuse that they are liberators, is of no benefit to Labor.

THE SHED WORKER IS YOUR FIGHT TOO.

If you are not a registered voter, register now and vote in November.

Watch next weeks column for more news regarding the shed worker.

**LABOR**  
**COUNCIL**  
**NOTES**

Unions affiliated with the Monterey County Central Labor Union at Salinas are taking advantage of the opportunity provided by the council to have motion pictures at union meetings, according to Secretary William G. Kenyon of the council.

At the council meeting last week, the committee arranging for showing of the movie, "The Magic State," announced that Carpenters Union 925 would show the picture September 7, Painters 1104 on September 14 and Teamsters 890 on October 7.

The council has purchased this film and has it available for showing by any organization. If a union shows the film, there is a small fee for a union motion picture machine operator. If a civic group wishes to show the film, the council will supply the operator, Kenyon said.

Teamsters Union 890 informed the council last week that a donation of \$1000 has been voted to the California State Federation of Labor to assist the federation in its effort for reapportionment of the State Senate.

Reapportionment is Proposition 1 on the November ballot and a YES vote is requested from all union members.

Local 890 also informed the council of tentative plans for a parade in connection with the NLRB elections to determine if the AFL shall represent lettuce shed workers here, Kenyon said.

Book matches will be distributed in the Salinas area by union people, the specially-printed match folders to urge a NO vote on Proposition 12 (local option), and YES votes on Proposition 13 (Senate reapportionment) and Proposition 14 (low cost housing).

The AFL political organization has purchased 10,000 books of these matches and the Salinas Tavern Owners Association will buy 100,000 more books, it was reported.

**Bartenders Hall**  
**Renovation Done**

Complete repainting and repapering of Bartenders Union Hall, 315 Alvarado Street, Monterey, was finished last week as crews put on the last touches to the wall papering.

Woodwork has been painted and signs of recent remodeling to allow for the new outside fire escape have been obliterated insofar as possible. A small private office for Secretary George L. Rice of the Bartenders Union was created also.

**BOX MAKERS HERE**  
**NOW IN NEW UNIT**

Box makers employed by various plants in the Salinas area have been placed in a new union, Local 3036, following the dissolution of Boxmakers Union 3034 of Salinas, it was reported last week.

Arthur E. Sprague, of Los Gatos, has been named business representative for box makers of this area. Local 3036 has headquarters in San Francisco.



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## What Ails Production?

In many departments of industry there is much complaint that production is lagging. With more people employed than at any previous time in our history total output is claimed to fall far short of existing needs.

Why is it that the American people, who did so much to produce enough to help win the late wars in Europe and Asia, that the rest of the world marvelled at our ability to produce; now, after more than three years have elapsed since those wars ended, we should still be falling down on producing enough for our own needs?

In some of our most basic industries, whose raw materials are indispensable in nearly all production, those in control are undoubtedly curtailing needed expansion because scarcity facilitates the game of increasing prices, which in turn nets them larger profits.

Everywhere a glib public is told that wage increases have made these price increases inevitable. But since all wage increases total only one-sixth of the total of all price increases there remain five-sixths of the total increase that increased wages are not to blame for.

Since employment is at an all-time high at present it must follow that most, if not all industries, are employing a much higher percentage of inexperienced help than ever before. Till these new and untrained workers get enough practice to become skilled at their tasks it is unreasonable and illogical to expect them to deliver the same output as well trained help. As fast as they learn, the output of these beginners will increase. Another factor that enters is that many workers are quitting undesirable and poorly paid work for other fields, where they must learn the work before they can become efficient.

American workers have demonstrated again and again that they can do or learn to do most any kind of work, if provided with the tools and materials required to do the job. If management will do its part labor will come through.

## No Apologies to Make

A constructive suggestion, which every American Federation of Labor member can approve and support with action, was made by Lewis G. Hines, AFL legislative representative, in speaking before the New York State Council of Carpenters.

"Let me suggest," Hines said, "that we declare, here and now and everywhere, that there is nothing the matter either with our leadership, our rank-and-file or the American Federation of Labor; that we take the offensive and declare that the labor movement is one of the greatest forces for good in our nation today."

"We are law-abiding, God-fearing, decent citizens who produce the wealth of the land. We have no apologies to make for our membership in organized labor. On the contrary, we are very proud of our heritage as organized workers and of our accomplishments."

"We have developed a feeling of security in our jobs, a freedom from fear, a knowledge that we cannot be discriminated against by unscrupulous employers. We have raised the standard of living for ourselves and our families as well as for all workers. We have elevated ourselves in every way, and we have taken our rightful place as industrial and political citizens, yes, citizens in every sense of the word, and we defy the labor-haters, wherever they are and whoever they are."

"Where do we go from here? We go forward, as we have always done in spite of adversity, in spite of the many setbacks we have met with."

## No More Little Men

The concentration of economic power is continuing in the United States, and unless effective action is taken to halt the swallowing of competing firms by giant corporations, collectivism will triumph over free enterprise. These statements are highlights of a Federal Trade Commission report released last month. The F. T. C. calls upon Congress to plug loopholes in the Clayton Act which are being utilized to evade the original anti-monopoly intent of the law. The so-called "merger movement" has resulted in the disappearance of more than 2,450 formerly independent manufacturing and mining companies since 1940, the F. T. C. report discloses.

Taft repeats the lie that Unions are run by small minorities. Has he ever heard of a stockholder being fined for failing to attend a corporation meeting?

Dollar-a-dozen eggs thrown at rights of free speech and free assemblage is stiff price to pay for bigotry and intolerance—even in North Carolina.

Man drinks to drown his sorrows, to forget his mournful station, but finds his sorrows merely thrive on constant irrigation.

## Election Day Memo



## Union Shop Most Prevalent Type Of Union Security

**New York (LPA)**—Since the passage of the Taft-Hartley law the union shop has become the most prevalent type of union security provision in collective bargaining contracts, the Natl. Industrial Conference Board said last week. NICEB has examined 313 contracts and finds that 24.6 per cent of them contain union shop clauses.

Some sort of union security provision is found in 67.4 per cent of the contracts studied. Maintenance of membership is the union security provision in 11.8 per cent, and maintenance of dues through the checkoff in 23.7 per cent. There is no union protection feature in 32.6 per cent of the contracts. NICEB has screened, but 7.3 per cent have union security provisions other than those listed above.

The "other" category includes a few closed shop and preferential hiring clause contracts that are now alleged to be illegal under the Taft-Hartley law.

The AFL has more union shop contracts than either the CIO or unaffiliated unions—32.8 per cent as compared with the CIO's 15.7 per cent and 26.7 for the unaffiliated unions. The CIO on the other hand has check-off provisions in 39.8 per cent of its contracts, while only 10.4 per cent of the AFL contracts and 16.7 per cent of the unaffiliated unions contracts contain a check-off stipulation.

## Socialists Hit Clay

**Chicago (LPA)**—The national executive committee of the Socialist Party meeting here last week attacked the failure of American occupation authorities in Germany to return Nazi confiscated property to free German trade unions. While applauding the allied support of Berlin workers' resistance to Communist pressure, the Socialist leaders said America must permit the German people to socialize industry if we are to retain their support against Russian maneuvers.

## Strikes Exceed Pre-Taft-Hartley Period, BLS Says

**Washington (LPA)**—One of the cherished myths of the Taft-Hartley law got a hard blow from the Bureau of Labor Statistics recently. BLS revealed that 20 more strikes took place in July 1948 than there were in the corresponding month just before the T-H law went into effect.

The BLS release appeared the same week as did the first Republican labor poopsheet, bragging that Taft-Hartley was helping the workers by reducing the number of strikes. The number of strikes beginning in July, 335, was 25 more than in June. Over 225,000 workers were involved. Nearly 85,000 of these were coal miners forced to stop working for a brief period by the stubbornness of the steel companies which own the "captive mines."

All in all there were 525 work stoppages in progress during July, in which 300,000 workers participated.

## Hit Strike Ban of Gen. MacArthur

**Tokyo.**—The British Commonwealth and Chinese members of the Allied Control Council for Japan joined the Soviet Union in attacking General Douglas MacArthur's recent directive to ban strikes by government employees.

The criticism came at a special meeting where U. S. delegate William J. Sebald sought to answer charges by Soviet member Major General A. P. Kislenko that the MacArthur order violated the Far Eastern Commission principles on labor unions and contradicted the terms of the Truman-Stalin-Attlee Potsdam declaration.

Both British and Chinese delegates hit the Japanese government's order depriving government workers of collective bargaining and strike rights.

The ban has also brought sharp repercussions inside the labor movement. A number of unions have struck in protest and MacArthur's chief labor adviser, James S. Killen, an AFL official, handed in his resignation.

## Host of Friends Pay Tribute to Frank MacDonald

Friends were out in large numbers for the funeral services of the late Brother Frank C. MacDonald, general president of the California State Building and Construction Trades Council, which were held on Saturday of last week at 2:30 p.m. from the parlors of the White Funeral Service, Inc., 2200 Pierce Street, San Francisco.

The parlors were packed with loyal friends who came to pay their last respects to an honored citizen who had done so much for the men and women in the union labor movement as well as for their families and all others who toil. These brothers and sisters in the cause of union labor were those who had grown up in the labor movement and who had worked with and respected the departed labor leader.

These stalwarts included not only those from his beloved San Francisco but others from towns and cities in California who had served with the brother in helping to advance the cause of union labor. These old timers were not alone to pay their respects, but among them were many of the younger men who are serving their unions and their international and who had long learned the moral support and co-operation that this veteran unionist was happy to give, to help his fellow workers in the respective unions they had been chosen to serve.

Rev. Taylor Gillespie officiated with remarks of condolence for the widow and to his friends.

Many and beautiful were the flowers that had been sent in sympathy in his passing. These came from personal friends of his and the family as well as from individual unions, from many of the Building and Construction Trades Councils, from the different localities where "Frank" was always a welcome visitor whether on business or on a social mission. Perhaps there is no place where the building trades crafts have a council that the late general president had not visited or talked at different and many times in an effort to aid the council and welfare of its members generally.

These friends will long remember the hard work put forth in their behalf and the many hours away from home that he has given that the State Building and Construction Trades Council might carry on the work that its officers had done in the early years. These workers in and close to San Francisco were present to pay their final respects.

While his earthly work in their behalf has ceased, the results of his efforts will continue and his friends will not cease in their efforts to carry on in his memory. As it has been said, his position will be filled, but it will be a long time before some will take his place.

The body was laid to rest in Cypress Lawn Cemetery in San Mateo County.

The sympathy of these sorrowing friends is extended to his widow in her loneliness and bereavement, with the thought that his legion of friends join with her in sharing the sorrow and the deep shock of his passing.

## Italian Farm Laborers Join 12-Hour Strike

**Rome.**—Three million farm workers went on a 12-hour nationwide general strike to protest refusal of the Landowners Association to discuss demands for a new contract.

Called by the Federation of Farm Workers, the walkout marked the first time in Italian history that agricultural laborers from both the north and south took joint action.

"Farm workers from Puglia and Calabria, poorest and most backward regions of the south, struck with laborers from Emilia and Tuscany in the north," FFW secretary Luciano Romagnoli said. "This fact is of fundamental importance."

The farmers seek a minimum wage at least equal to that of construction workers, paid vacations, union security provisions, doubling of family allowances and establishment of a ceiling on maximum daily hours.

## AVC Hits Proposed GI Loan Interest Boost

**Washington.**—A blast against a proposed increase in interest rates on GI loans was sent to Veterans Administrator Carl Gray, Jr. by the American Veterans Committee.

The AVC told the Veterans Administration that its proposed action would constitute "renewing on government promises made to GI's and a boon to bankers at the expense of men and women veterans of World War II."

On the basis of a proposed increase in interest rates from 4 per cent to 4 1/2 per cent, the average GI's monthly carrying charge on his home would be raised about 4 per cent. The AVC said this would not only create personal hardships but would also contribute to the general inflationary spiral.

## TRUMAN GETS ADA SUPPORT

**Chicago (LPA)**—With several prominent AFL and CIO chiefs in attendance, the executive board of Americans for Democratic Action, liberal anti-Communist organization, last week pledged its support to President Truman's reelection campaign.

ADA's statement cited the Democratic candidate's fight for inflation controls, housing legislation, civil rights, and the Marshall plan, and his opposition to the Taft-Hartley law as the primary reason for the endorsement which it "emphatically" gave him.

The "shocking" refusal of the GOP-dominated 80th Congress to take action on the President's legislative program demonstrates the reactionary nature of the Republican party, ADA said.

## Country Factories Are Seen As A-Bomb Answer

**Washington.**—If the nation's top planners for an atomic war future have their way, Joe Worker in the big city may have to move out into the countryside to get a job. That's the picture as outlined in an article on Public Works and Relocation of Industry, in the August issue of Public Construction, bulletin of the Federal Works Agency.

Written by FWA Asst. Administrator J. W. Follin, the article discusses a recent report to the President by the National Security Resources Board, to which Follin acts as FWA liaison man. Follin says the board thinks dispersal of industry and population is the only answer to the atomic bomb.

The NSRB pooh-poos underground industrial plants and surface installations of special materials as impractical. It holds, Follin writes, that separate communities of not more than 50,000 persons each, with plenty of space in between, are the best deal in the atomic age.

He adds that "we would still be confronted with the familiar problem of providing industrial workers with the means of living a normal life in a normal community on an acceptable standard of living." He warns that there must be workers near a countryside plant, which in turn means immense public construction of hospitals, schools, streets, etc. to make them want to live there.

## TWO VIEWS OF TAFT-HARTLEY:

### Swell, Says Management

**New York.**—The Taft-Hartley law is a hit!—with management. A survey of 528 labor relations directors by Business Week magazine showed these management conclusions after one year of Taft-Hartley:

Less than one per cent would like to see the law repealed. Of the others, 42 per cent believe it should stay on the books just as it is, 50 per cent like it but want the law toughened up even more and the remainder haven't decided yet.

Those who wanted the law "improved" suggested amendments which would provide for compulsory arbitration, a ban on industrywide strikes and a ban on industrywide bargaining.

Seventy-four per cent like the way the NLRB is administering the law. (NLRB General Counsel Robert N. Denham shares in that enthusiasm. Denham told an anniversary press conference August 23: "I make no bones about saying this has been a most successful year.")

The Taft-Hartley non-Communist affidavit requirement brought the most favorable response from the management men, 85 per cent saying they approve of it. Only 9 per cent said the affidavits should not be required.

The 528 men interviewed represented plants located in 15 cities in 13 important industrial states. More than two-thirds of the 433,465 workers in the plants are union members, 38 per cent AFL and 35 per cent CIO.

## HOTEL WORKERS GET PAY BOOST

**New York (LPA)**—Over 33,000 hotel employees in New York city won wage increases ranging up to \$4 a week, it was announced last week by the industrial arbitrator and President Jay Rubin of the N. Y. Hotel Trades Council-AFL. The award was made under the wage reopening clause of a contract which runs until 1950.

The cost of living raise provided \$4 more for maintenance and administrative employees. Workers who receive tips had their base pay boosted by \$1.80, with the rest ranging between the minimum and maximum increases.

### 'Maddeningly Cumbersome'

**New York.**—The most dominant aspect of the Taft-Hartley law is the "psychological climate" it has created, "a climate inimical to labor's free development and to the progressive improvement of collective bargaining," the August 26 issue of the New Republic magazine reported.

In a series of articles analyzing the first year's operations of the law, the magazine charged that the mechanics of the act "have become maddeningly cumbersome" and "other, unforeseen, evils have developed."

New Republic finds, citing specific cases under the act's jurisdiction, that President Truman's prediction that it would discriminate against workers has been borne out. Further, it says, the law has raised even more issues of public policy than the President envisioned.

It arbitrarily decides against the workers certain issues which are normally the subject of collective bargaining, such as the union and closed shop. It burdens in provisions which are burdensome and, in certain instances, unworkable. Another unforeseen result, the analysis says, "is the tremendous spurt given to union raiding."

While the New Republic admits that the number of strikes has decreased since enactment of the law, it shares organized labor's view that economic factors have been of far greater influence than the act itself in cutting down strikes. The magazine also notes that "little Taft-Hartley acts" have been passed in 32 states.

The same issue carries a full-page advertisement by President A. F. Whitney of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen (unaffiliated) in which he attacks the non-Communist affidavit requirement as "perhaps the most vicious provision of the law" and concludes:

"After a year of operation the Taft-Hartley Act stands revealed in all its nakedness as an instrument deliberately designed to destroy organized labor and reduce it to the status of slavery. There can be only one cure and that is its outright repeal."

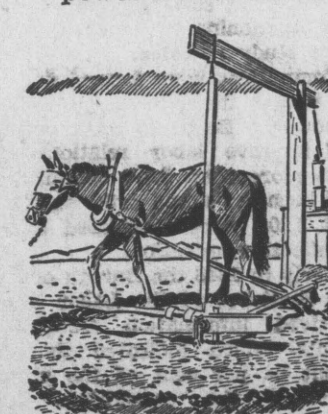
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## Workers Will Eat Less Meat in '48

Washington. — The average American will eat about 145 lbs. of meat in 1948, the Agriculture Dept. said September 4. It announced that meat production from hogs, cattle and lambs will be 10 per cent lower for the rest of the year than it was in 1947.

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## News Items About APPRENTICES

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### MONTEREY PENINSULA TYPOGRAPHICAL JAC:

This new committee consists of six members, with John Cresap as chairman and G. A. Shoemaker as secretary. Standards have been adopted and are in process of being approved.

### CCF Convention Backs Marshall Plan

Winnipeg. — Despite unyielding opposition by delegations from two of Canada's nine provinces, the Canadian Commonwealth Federation national convention here went on record in support of the Marshall plan. The CCF is a middle-of-the-road liberal party with right-wing labor backing.

Opposing the pro-Marshall plan view were delegates from British Columbia and Manitoba who blasted the program "as a capitalist attempt to revive their forces in Europe." This statement reflected growing CCF rank-and-file dissatisfaction with the party's official Marshall plan policy.

In other foreign policy actions, the convention demanded immediate recognition of the new Jewish state of Israel, a ban on Canadian arms shipments to Chiang Kai-shek in China and United Nations economic sanction against Franco Spain.

On the domestic front, the convention backed nationalization of major industries as an immediate step as soon as the CCF attains control of the government.

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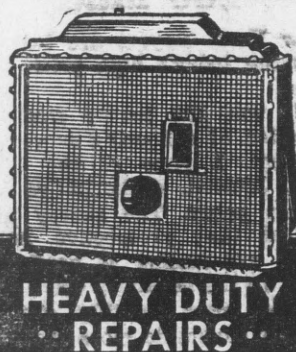
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## WE CAN NAME NEW CONGRESS--GREEN

Akron, Ohio. — Keynoting the American workers' observance of Labor Day, AFL President William Green declared that it lies within the power of the working men and women of this nation "to elect a new Congress with a new and more progressive outlook."

Warning against a repetition of what happened in 1946, when "only one-third of the qualified voters in America" elected the reactionary 80th Congress, the AFL leader adopted for his Labor Day theme the slogan, "Use Your Vote!"

Mr. Green spoke to a crowd of over 30,000 people gathered in Summit Beach Park here to celebrate labor's own national holiday. A portion of his address was carried over the nation-wide network of the National Broadcasting Company to additional millions of listeners.

The AFL leader lashed out vigorously at the forces which have sought to crucify working men and women on the cross of inflation, and castigated the 80th Congress for its enactment of the vicious Taft-Hartley law and its failure to act on such vital issues as high prices, housing, minimum wages and social security improvements.

Mr. Green asserted that the nation is gripped by the "economic curse of inflation" because of a "lack of restraint and foresight on the part of leaders of big business who set prices, and because of the lack of statesmanship and responsibility on the part of the leaders of Congress."

He riddled the old argument advanced by business leaders that high prices have been caused by rising wage increase, "prices are boosted far out of proportion to the additional labor cost."

"It might be easy for us to feel sorry for the poor, unfortunate corporations," Mr. Green said, "except for the fact that official records tell an entirely different story. Corporate profits, after taxes, are now 272 per cent above the 1939 level."

Calling upon the government to sponsor joint conferences of labor, business and agriculture representatives to devise ways to protect the economic security of our country, Mr. Green charged that the primary responsibility of business is "to halt all price increases and to start a gradual reduction in prices."

Turning to a discussion of the Taft-Hartley law, Mr. Green said that a year's experience under the measure "fully confirmed" labor's fears that the law was in fact "a Slave Labor Bill."

The injunction provisions of the law, he said, have saddled upon labor the alternative of "work or jail," which does not square with the principles of American freedom, and constitutes "involuntary servitude."

As a glaring example of the injustice of the injunction procedure, Mr. Green cited the pending case before an Indiana U. S. District Court in which the federal government, through the National Labor Relations Board, is seeking "to forbid a union to pay strike benefits to thousands of men who quit their jobs in Chicago."

"That means," he said, "an attempt by our government to break a strike by starving out the wives and children of the strikers."

Proclaiming that American workers will resist such tactics and rush to the assistance of their brother workers, Mr. Green declared that such piecemeal defenses against the Taft-Hartley law are, however, insufficient to free workers from the shackles of the obnoxious legislation.

"There is only one certain and complete remedy for that oppressive law and that is its outright

repeal," Mr. Green asserted. The AFL leader said that labor's program for higher minimum wages, improvements in the social security system, and the enactment of a national health insurance plan constitutes "social security not only for the American people, but for the free enterprise system as well." He added: "From an immediate as well as a long-range standpoint, the peace of the world depends upon the power of America to guarantee peace. To prevent war, America must remain strong. I charge that the policies instituted by the 80th Congress are sapping the strength of America and the American people. Those policies must be reversed."

## More Federal Relief Aid With Higher Standard Proposed

Washington (LPA)—A sweeping extension of federal aid to state public assistance programs is proposed in the third of a series of reports by a business-labor-public advisory committee to the Senate Finance Committee, made public last week.

The committee, which included Nelson Cruikshank for the AFL and Emil Rieve for the CIO, as well as bankers and industrialists and other public figures, proposed that:

1—More federal funds go to the aid of dependent children.  
2—Federal grants in aid should be made available to the states for general assistance to needy persons not now aided by state-federal programs, but this should not be considered as a substitute for a program designed to deal with large-scale unemployment.

3—Agencies and individuals providing medical care to those receiving old age assistance, aid to the blind, and aid to dependent children, should receive direct payment of the federal government's share, under standards and conditions set on a nation-wide basis.

4—The federal government should participate in payments made to or for the care of old-age assistance recipients in medical institutions other than mental hospitals, under standards set and enforced on a nation-wide basis.  
5—No federal funds should go to a public assistance program where the state provides residence requirements except for a one-year residence requirement for old-age assistance.

6—A commission should study the current child health and welfare needs and programs to meet these needs.

### GOP Housing Record

Washington (LPA)—The only clear test of whether or not members of the House wanted the Taft-Elliender-Wagner general housing bill—their signatures on a petition to discharge the committee that was stifling the measure—shows that 67 per cent of the Democrats signed the petition, but only 18 per cent of the Republicans signed up.

Stumpy: "Isn't it terrible about Dr. Brown? He fell into a well and broke his collarbone."

Grumpy: "It's good enough for him. He oughta tend to the sick and leave the well alone."

## Walters Union Defends Members Reputations

New York (LPA)—A story in a New York paper by an employment agency manager brought an answer from a local of the Hotel and Restaurant Workers Alliance (AFL). The job auctioneer had said that waiters are surly and disolute types. Martin Cody, president of Local 6, HRWA, calls this "ridiculous."

Cody and Vice-President Fred Spinner told reporters that the cracks about waiters are "absolutely unfair." The employment service manager had said that if your dinner is served slowly it means the waiter has been phoning in a racing bet, and if he's nasty it means he lost.

Few waiters are rummies, or on-the-job gamblers, the union heads declared. And the union won't do anything for undesirables if they show up on its jobs, they said.

"The truth is," Cody and Spinner said, "the average waiter is a hard-working family man, who doesn't earn too much, even with his tips, and he's often saving up to put his children through college."

Spinner, who was a waiter at the swank Astor Hotel for 26 years before assuming full-time union duties, added: "A waiter is usually over-polite and over-kind considering what he has to go through. He's between two fires, the real one in the kitchen with the busy chefs, and the customers, who get pretty unreasonable sometimes."

Cody said that before the local was organized in 1938 waiters would have had a right to be "surly" in view of the conditions they had to put up with.

He added that one of the union's goals is to do away with tipping, which nobody likes, "as soon as waiters get a living wage. When there will no longer be a bestowal of gratuities, customers won't feel the waiters are different from themselves."

## Harrison Tells Truman Most AFL For Him

Washington (LPA)—President George Harrison of the Railway Clerks-AFL told President Truman last week that leaders of 7,000,000 of the AFL's 8,000,000 members are working for his re-election.

Sen. J. Howard McGrath, (D., R.I.), accompanied Harrison on his visit to the White House.

After the administrative committee of Labor's League for Political Education reaffirmed the AFL's traditional non-partisan policy and voted to concentrate on the election of a liberal, anti-Taft-Hartley Congress, Harrison announced that he was forming a Committee of Labor Executives for the re-election of Truman and the Election of Barkley. At least 50 AFL union heads have in the past two weeks written Harrison that they will serve on the committee.

President Harrison told LPA last week that he expects nearly 100 of the 105 AFL international union chiefs to join him in endorsing the Democratic national ticket. Their names will not be published until the list is more complete.

Meanwhile, the committee has established offices in New York's Hotel Biltmore.

Mother was slow to comprehend what seemed so perfectly clear to little Sue. The pride of the family was talking about a "fedder."

"A 'fedder'?" mother questioned. "Why, you know, Mummy," patiently explained Sue, "it's a leaf from a chicken."

## MINUTES

### Bldg. Trades Council

The meeting of the Building and Construction Trades Council of Monterey County, September 2, 1948, called to order by Chairman John Alsop at 8 p.m.

Roll call showed 14 delegates from eight local unions present.

Minutes of the previous meeting, August 19, read and approved.

Credentials for Brother Richard Ross from Roofers Local Union 50 were read. As Brother Ross was not present, the Organization Board could take no action.

**COMMUNICATIONS**  
A letter from the State Building and Construction Trades Council concerning State Legislative Constitutional Revision Committee meeting in San Francisco August 21, read and filed.

A letter from the California Committee for Railroad Safety, read and filed.

Two Weekly Newsletters noted. A letter from the Division of Apprenticeship Standards and a resolution read and filed.

It was moved, seconded and carried the Council endorse the resolution presented by the Division of Apprenticeship Standards.

**BUSINESS AGENT'S REPORT**  
Brother Miller reported on his activities for the past two weeks and a visit to the Carmel Valley dam job. Brother Miller reported Pile Butts 34 men contacted do not want to pay per capita tax.

After discussion it was moved, seconded and carried the business agent secure the names of all building trades craftsmen, from outside local unions, working in this district and the secretary to notify the respective locals of the rules and per capita tax to this council.

### REPORTS OF UNIONS

Laborers L. U. 690: Bro. Thomas, routine meeting.

Plumbers L. U. 62: Bro. Long, small meeting. Reported on efforts to organize the refrigerator men in Monterey County.

Sheet Metal Workers L. U. 304: Bro. Isakson, good meeting. International representative present.

Roofers L. U. 50: Bro. Smith, six new members. International representative present.

### TRUSTEES REPORT

The trustees report the books have been audited for the second quarter and report the books in order. It was moved, seconded and carried the trustees' report be accepted.

### ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE

The Organization Committee recommended the working rules of Brick Masons L. U. 16 and Roofers L. U. 50 be accepted by the council. It was moved, seconded and carried, the council concur in the recommendations of the Organization Board.

### NEW BUSINESS

Bro. Thomas informed the council of the sudden passing of Bro. Frank C. MacDonald, president of the State Building Trades Council. It was moved, seconded and carried the sum of \$25 be spent on flowers to be sent to the funeral of Bro. MacDonald.

After discussion it was moved, seconded and carried the wage scales of the various crafts be compiled and posted.

### FINANCIAL REPORT

The financial report was read and approved.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
HARRY FOSTER,  
Recording Secretary.

## \$57 MILLION MORE IN MARSHALL PLAN AID SENT TO EUROPE

Washington. — Marshall plan shipments to Europe for the week ending August 25 were valued at \$57 million, the Economic Cooperation Administration announced.

Austria was the main beneficiary of the week's ECA activity, receiving nearly half of the total allotments or \$23 million worth of goods. France received allotments to a value of \$13 million. Germany and Greece came next, with \$9 million and \$5 million each.

Of the shipments to Austria, coal was the most important item. About \$8 million worth of German coal was sent to Austria, and about \$1.4 million worth of coal was shipped to Austria from Poland.

Procurement of German coal for Austria, recalled heated debate over allocation of Germany's coal shipments in the early stages of planning for European recovery. At that time, France put in a bid for an increased share of German coal but was turned down.

Earlier in the month France received more than \$20 million worth of coal through the Marshall plan, but the country of origin was the U. S.

The authorization for procurement of Polish coal for Austria through the ECA also aroused discussion here as a possible sign of the beginning of increased trade between eastern and western Europe.

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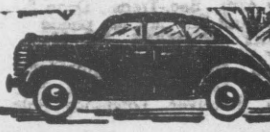
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**BARBERS 896**—Meets 3rd Wednesday at Bartenders Hall, 315 Alvarado St., at 8 p.m. Pres., J. O. Jolly, phone 21127. Sec., A. H. Thompson, 1177 Fifth St., Monterey, phone 4541.

**BARTENDERS 483**—Meets 3rd Wednesday at Labor Temple, 72 N. Second St., at 8 p.m. Pres., J. O. Jolly, phone 21127. Sec., A. H. Thompson, 1177 Fifth St., Monterey, phone 4541.

**BRICK MASONS 16**—Meets 2nd and 4th Fridays, 8:30 p.m. Pres., F. B. Hair, P. O. Box 254, Watsonville, phone 1400. Sec., E. L. Eldorado, Monterey, phone 6745; Rec. Sec., Geo. Houde, 228 Carmel Ave., Pacific Grove, phone 6719.

**BUILDING & CONSTRUCTION TRADES COUNCIL OF MONTEREY COUNTY**—Meets 1st and 3rd Mondays at 8 p.m. at 315 Alvarado St., Monterey, Pres., Floyd Mason, 276 Anita St., Monterey, phone 5888. Sec., Fred Miller, 7022 Box 42, Marina, phone Mont. 7002.

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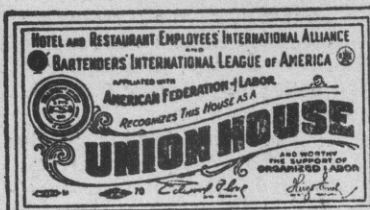
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## LOCAL 483 REPORTS



HOTEL AND RESTAURANT  
EMPLOYEES & BARTENDERS  
ALLIANCE 483  
MONTEREY, CALIFORNIA

Labor Day, celebrated last week throughout the nation, produced a barrage of newspaper editorials, if nothing else. But the net result of all these expressed viewpoints tends to confuse rather than clarify. Of 14 major newspaper editorials scanned by your secretary, there were as many views aired. One bitter fact reached home, however—the majority of the writers were full of condemnation for Labor, and full of sympathy for the Bosses. This attitude, in a day and age when corporations and

business profits have reached their all-time high—while living costs have more than kept pace with wage increases. This attitude gives one cause to wonder if Employer Associations are now beginning to believe that they can get back to "the good old days" of pitting one worker against the other, and demoralizing Labor Unions to such an extent they can no longer function. If this be their supposition, it is a foolhardy one, for the great masses of working men and women have had their eyes opened by bitter experience. This anti-labor attitude does provide a challenge—and one which must be met. We can meet that challenge in any of several ways—and thereby protect and increase our gains.

Registration for voting is a principal means of fighting injustice and discrimination. Registration closes on September 23, so get yourself—and your family—to a Deputy Registrar of Voters NOW—TODAY—and register to vote. There is a registrar available from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at your union hall. Take advantage of this convenience, and keep her flooded with registrants! It is not possible to overemphasize the importance, to working people, of voting this year. We must choose between a continuation of the 80th Congress, with its disregard for the rights and welfare of working men and women as expressed by lifting of price controls, defeat of housing legislation, passage of "the Rich Man's Tax Bill," sponsoring of the Taft-Hartley Bill, and other legislation which certainly is not in the best interests of the great mass of common people. If we do not look with favor on this choice (and I certainly DO NOT!) we can choose between the new party of Mr. Henry Wallace, or the Democratic Party. Mr. Wallace is apparently an idealist who has many sound planks in his domestic platform, but his foreign policy is highly questionable, at best. And his varied associates in the forming of this new party leave much to be desired. Therefore, I cannot support, nor vote for, the new party or its major candidates.

This leaves only the Democratic Party. Admittedly, the Democratic administration has made many mistakes, and even blunders. President Roosevelt's confidence in Stalin and the Russian promises is open to question. And President Truman's handling of many matters, both foreign and domestic, indicates that he has often acted upon poor advice, and has had cause to regret his hasty actions. One FACT stands forth with clarity. The Democratic Party is the only party which has consistently advocated and sponsored legislation which is beneficial to the great mass of working men and women and their families. It was the Democratic Party which made the only sincere attempts to check inflation and keep essential commodity prices at a level which permits a higher purchasing power for workers. It was the Democratic Party which sponsored increased Social Security benefits; a much-needed, long-range, low-cost housing bill; a civil rights program which would put teeth into our Constitution; and our Bill of Rights. These much-needed laws went down to defeat, through a coalition of Republicans and high-price conservative Democrats, sorry to say. It was the Democratic Party which fought the Taft-Hartley Bill, and proposed instead changes and additions to the Wagner Act—the greatest single piece of legislation for the protection of working people which we have seen in generations. Think these things over for yourself. Make up your own mind which political party, or candidate, you wish to cast your vote for. But whatever your decision, remember to register before September 23, and—VOTE on November 2.

The following paragraph, written by President Jack Townsend, Bartenders Union Local 15, New York City, seems worth repeating, in view of the above statements. "Nobody asked me who I was going to vote for. Maybe nobody amongst the membership gives a damn who I'm going to vote for. The only reason I'm telling you is because I intend to vote for is because it's good trade unionism for the membership to know how their officers are going to vote. If anyone raises the question of whether I'm trying to influence the members of this union on their voting, I will gladly plead guilty. I am also of the opinion that it is the DUTY of any responsible trade union official to give the members the benefit of his study and experience. Some of you may recall that the constitution of our union spe-

cially forbids the discussion of politics or religion in any union meeting. Well, this isn't a meeting. It is the official organ of the local, and I am speaking my mind in it as any member has a right to speak his mind. I hope, however, you'll be good enough to give heed to what I have to say. . . . (signed) Jack Townsend." I echo your sentiments, Brother Townsend, to the membership of Local 483, Monterey, California, which isn't so far removed from New York City, after all.

Local 483's Executive Board, at its last meeting held on Thursday, September 9, discussed thoroughly the dance and party to have the membership voted to have on Election Day evening, Tuesday, November 2. Since the committee which was originally appointed to take charge of the affair has not functioned to date, the board voted to take over management of the arrangements. The following assignments were agreed upon: Ticket sales and promotion—Vice-President Charles Osterloch and Sister Crystal Ross, in charge. Liquor control and bar—Brothers Tommie Nowell and Harry Wasson, in charge. Entertainment, orchestra and vocalists—Brother Gene King, in charge. Hall arrangements, sundry purchases and advertising—Secty. George Rice, in charge.

The successful handling of this party will require large-scale cooperation from all our members. The ticket sales chairman, for example, have set a goal of 1,000 tickets to be sold. This means that our fellow members will have to make purchases, when called upon, and also take a few tickets for sale to their friends and families. Do YOUR PART by buying, or selling, all the tickets you can possibly handle. And pass the word along to your friends and customers—we'll have a wonderful party, and our Welfare Fund should be considerably enriched by the proceeds. This Welfare Fund is an absolute "must" for our mutual assistance program—remember, YOU may be the next member to need assistance in time of need.

Arrangements have been started to obtain the use of the Monterey American Legion Hall for this party. Your secretary has been invited to appear before the Legion's Executive Board next Wednesday evening to present the union's plan, and we are hopeful of again having the use of this fine, large hall.

The Executive Board also approved the expense allowance for the local's delegates to the California State Culinary Council convention, to be held in Long Beach on September 25 and 26; and the secretary's expense allowance as a delegate to the California State Federation of Labor convention, also scheduled for Long Beach, from September 27 to October 3. The delegates elected at the recent meetings, Crystal Ross, Gene King and Pearl Robinson, have all indicated that they will attend the convention.

The Executive Board also voted to have each member of the board spend part time working as business agent for Local 483 during your secretary's absence while attending the convention. In addition, our past president, Brother Harvey Rose, has agreed to spend three hours per day as acting business agent, in order to handle routine problems and contract matters as they come up. It is my earnest hope that the membership and the contract signers will give all possible cooperation to these board members and to Brother Rose while they are working as union representatives.

Don't forget—last chance to attend a September meeting is tomorrow (or today, depending on when your copy of the Labor News is delivered). Regular meeting at 2:30 p.m. WEDNESDAY, September 15. Let's have a big attendance!!

GEORGE L. RICE,  
Secretary.

### Age of Specialists

An old lady walked up to the movie ticket window, put down 55 cents. The clerk said, "Madam, the price is \$1.25."

"Do you give away dishes?" the old lady asked.

"No," replied the clerk.

"Double feature?"

"No."

"Screeno?"

"No."

"What's playing?" asked the little old lady.

"Dr. Kildare," said the clerk.

"Is he a specialist?" asked the little old lady.

## No Rest for the Wicked



"Isn't it a shame! It's Labor Day, and Horace is so busy clipping coupons, he can't take the day off."

## Five-Fold Increase in Health and Welfare Contract Coverage Reported

Washington.—More than three million U.S. workers are covered by health and welfare contracts, according to the August issue of the Labor Information bulletin published by the Labor Dept.

The present figure represents a five-fold increase since 1945, the bulletin said. It points out that great interest in union welfare and pension plans was stimulated by the United Mine Workers' (unaffiliated) success in getting agreements with the coal operators to put 20-cent per ton of coal produced into a welfare fund.

According to the Labor Dept. publication, health and welfare programs "date back to the early days of trade-unionism in this country. Many unions started as fraternal or mutual aid organizations, and their objective was not only to raise wages and improve working conditions but also to provide sickness, unemployment, old-age and mortuary aid to members or their widows."

The bulletin points out, however, that in this early period, "such plans were financed entirely by union members, through membership dues or special assessments."

According to the records of the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the first health and welfare program to be worked out through collective bargaining was negotiated on May 1, 1926. It involved the Amalgamated Assn. of Street & Electric Railway Employees (AFL) and the Public Service Corp. of Newburgh, N.Y.

The 1926 agreement provided for a \$1000 life insurance policy and weekly sick benefits of \$15.

**AFM Sponsors Free Concerts**  
New York.—Over 6900 free concerts were given by members of the American Federation of Musicians (AFL) from January to August 1948 in a union program of service to veterans' hospitals, public parks, teen-age clubs and other institutions throughout the U. S. and Canada.

More than 102,000 members from most of the AFM's 700 locals participated in these activities, which were financed out of a special allocation of \$1,736,000 for the current year, according to Pres. James C. Petrillo.

Rattlesnakes are plentiful but are seldom seen by the uninited in the Great American Desert of the Southwest. They hide during the day because the sand gets too hot even for them.

**THE TOLL OF JOB ACCIDENTS**

ONE American worker was injured every 16 SECONDS

Losses to industry (direct and indirect) amounted to \$2,250,000,000

\$1,500,000,000 was lost to workers in wages!

Small firms not reached by organized safety movement accounted for 70% of all accidents!

THE 44,100,000 MAN DAYS LOST THROUGH ACCIDENTS COULD HAVE PRODUCED:

OVER 2,000,000,000 LBS OF SOAP OR OVER 89,000,000 SHIRTS OR OVER 50,000,000 PAIRS OF SHOES

THIS IS ENOUGH MONEY TO FEED, CLOTHE, AND SHELTER A CITY ALMOST AS LARGE AS DETROIT FOR ONE YEAR!

SHALL FIRMS 70% LARGE FIRMS 30%

At President Truman's request, Secretary of Labor Schwellenbach is planning a national conference of labor, management, and other interested leaders to be held in Washington this fall on the causes and prevention of industrial accidents. Attention will be centered on the problems of small firms not now reached by the organized safety movement.

## MINUTES

### Central Labor Council

Minutes of the meeting of September 7, 1948.

The meeting was called to order by President Winters.

The roll call showed the presence of nine delegates from seven locals. Regular officers present were President Winters, Vice-Pres. Carl, and Sec.-Treas. Edwards.

Credentials were presented for Emmet T. Wood, as a delegate from the Bus Drivers. It was moved, seconded, and carried that he be seated.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as read.

Various communications were presented and considered. It was moved and seconded to run an ad in the Herald calling attention to the broadcast next Monday evening regarding the Taft Hartley Act.

The financial report was read and accepted.

The Bartenders reported 18 new members. They are sending four delegates to the convention in Long Beach. Their business agent has been busy organizing the workers on the Water Company dam under construction in the Carmel Valley.

The Cannery Workers reported a very good meeting with 90 new members admitted. They voted to accept the new contract and elected two delegates to the State Convention. The outlook for them in the fishing industry is much brighter than it was a year ago.

The Motion Picture Operators reported a routine meeting.

Bro. Alves expressed objection to filling out the principal cards asked for by the Political and Educational Committee because he feared the possibility of such information being used by the Progressive Party.

Mrs. Moreau presented a resolution to be sent to the State Federation asking that the State Federation take a militant stand against the Taft-Hartley Act. It was moved and seconded to adopt the resolution.

It was moved and seconded to write to the State Federation opposing measures 6 and 15 on the November ballot and asking the State Federation to stress this opposition to all central labor councils in the state.

The meeting adjourned. The next meeting of the Council will be September 21, 7:30 p.m.

WAYNE EDWARDS,  
Secretary-Treasurer.

**Chicago (LPA)**—The general executive board of the Intl. Brotherhood of Teamsters-AFL voted this week to limit its political activities this year to the "local level." Refraining from endorsing any presidential aspirant, the board called on all IBT members to "help elect the friends of labor whether they be Republicans or Democrats."

In another action, the Teamsters voted to move the editorial